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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3972

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN

SUBJECT: STATUS OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

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1. SOUTH SNCC SPOKESMAN YI TONG-POK TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 3 THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANOTHER DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING BEFORE UNGA. YI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH ROKG EXPERTS ARE STILL DEBATING IMPLICATION OF NORTH'S POSTPONEMENT OF ELEVENTH MEETING (REFTEL), GENERAL FEELING AMONG THEM IS THAT PYONGYANG HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO DISPENSE WITH SNCC CONTACT AND IS ATTEMPTING TO DO SO AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. ON OTHER HAND, YI SAID, NORTH DESIRES TO KEEP RED CROSS CHANNEL OPEN. HE FIRMLY PREDICTED THAT JUNE 12 RED CROSS WORKING LEVEL MEETING WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED.

3. YI SAID ROKG IS CONVINCED THAT DECISION TO BREAK OFF SNCC MEETINGS WAS MADE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF KIM IL-SUNG, WHOSE ABSENCE REPRESENTS A CONVENIENT CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPORTUNITY FOR POSTPONING CONTACTS WITHOUT OFFERING MORE THAN VAGUE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ACTION. ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS HAVE INDICATED MEETINGS COULD RESUME IN JULY IF ATMOSPHERE IN SOUTH IMPROVES,

YI FEELS THESE STATEMENTS ARE CONTRIVED AND THAT NORTH HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING MEETINGS RESUME. HE SAID ROK PLANS NO FURTHER ACTION ON MATTER, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER JULY.

4. COMMENT: YI, WHO SEEMED UNUSUALLY CONFIDENT IN HIS ANALYSIS, GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ROK SIDE IS NOT ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT FATE OF SNCC CONTACTS. ROK HAS THUS FAR NOT ATTEMPTED TO ENGAGE IN PROPAGANDA OVER THE POSTPONEMENT, AND FBIS HAS REPORTED NO ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS FROM PYONGYANG ON THE SUBJECT. INDICATIONS ARE NEITHER SIDE IS DISPOSED TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT FOR PRESENT.  
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